

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Clerk-Recorder	(2) MEETING DATE 4/10/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Tommy Gong 781-5235	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a resolution granting the County Clerk-Recorder or Assistant Clerk-Recorder authority to execute agreements for election services from Federal Voting Assistance Program funds			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board adopt the resolution authorizing the County Clerk-Recorder or Assistant Clerk-Recorder to execute agreements for election services from Federal Voting Assistance Program funds.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Grant Funding	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$25,940.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$25,940 for each fiscal year through <u>FY</u> 2016-17	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		(12) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: n/a <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(13) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) n/a		(14) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(15) LOCATION MAP N/A	(16) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(17) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(18) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW 			
(19) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Clerk-Recorder / Tommy Gong
781-5235

DATE: 4/10/2012

SUBJECT: Request to approve a resolution granting the County Clerk-Recorder or Assistant Clerk-Recorder authority to execute agreements for election services from Federal Voting Assistance Program funds.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board adopt the resolution authorizing the County Clerk-Recorder or Assistant Clerk-Recorder to execute agreements for election services from Federal Voting Assistance Program funds.

DISCUSSION

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) administers the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) on behalf of the Secretary of Defense. FVAP's mission is to ensure that Uniformed Services personnel, their voting-age dependents, and overseas civilians successfully exercise their right to vote in Federal elections, and that they are afforded an equal opportunity to vote and be counted.

The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act was signed into law in 2009, amending UOCAVA by raising certain Federal standards such as sending ballots to these voters earlier and encouraging the use of technology to better serve these voters. The FVAP is providing grants to fund these activities through their Electronic Absentee Systems for Elections (EASE) grants program.

In 2011, a coalition of 13 counties in California, including San Luis Obispo, was awarded a grant of which San Luis Obispo's portion is \$155,650. The coalition is working with a single vendor who will provide access to online services and tools in enabling military and overseas voters to register to vote, request and retrieve vote-by-mail ballots, and track their ballots online. Providing these voters a one-stop process and improving the speed by which ballots are delivered is expected to increase the ballot return rates of military and overseas voters. The duration of this grant covers all elections through the 2016 General Election (in FY 2016-17)

In order to receive the grant funding, San Luis Obispo must enter into an agreement with El Dorado County which is acting as the sole grantee and lead county for the coalition. The agreement is being reviewed by the El Dorado County Counsel and has not yet been provided to the counties in the coalition. With the June election less than 70 days away, time is of the essence to have the contract executed and your Board is being asked to grant the County Clerk-Recorder or Assistant Clerk-Recorder the authority to execute the agreement with El Dorado County as well as submit applications for reimbursement on behalf of the county. As with all agreements, this agreement will be presented to County Counsel for review and approval prior to the Clerk-Recorder's signature.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Federal Voting Assistance Program has approved the grant proposal. The County of El Dorado serves as the sole grantee and lead county of the coalition. Their County Auditor will disburse the designated funds to each county on a reimbursement basis. County Counsel has reviewed the resolution for form and legal effect and will review any agreement that requires the signature of the Clerk-Recorder.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

San Luis Obispo is entitled to \$155,650 (\$25,940 each year through FY 2016-17) under the grant to be used for the improvements and activities approved by the FVAP.

RESULTS

To ensure that the County of San Luis Obispo is able to access and utilize all funds available through the Federal Voting Assistance Program and to use these funds to provide services beginning with the June 2012 election. This grant funding will be used to increase information and ballot access to military and overseas voters.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Granting the County Clerk-Recorder to Execute Agreement